

# ITOS Documentation Overview

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## Overview

ITOS documentation is organized as a set of pamphlets which may be printed or read on the World Wide Web. Much of the documentation (including this) is written in *texinfo* (<http://sunland.gsfc.nasa.gov/info/texinfo>) and converted to HTML (<http://www.ncsa.uiuc.edu/General/Internet/WWW/HTMLPrimer.html>) via *texi2www* (<http://sunland.gsfc.nasa.gov/info/texi2www>) or converted to a postscript and pdf via *T<sub>E</sub>X*, *texi2dvi*, *dvips*, and *dvipdfm*. These programs run on most Unix systems and are available at no cost.

## htdocs

The ITOS distribution includes the ‘htdocs’ directory where ITOS documentation gets installed. Each document has a subdirectory under ‘htdocs’ that contains HTML files and postscript and pdf files in ‘htdocs’. For example, this document gets installed as

```
htdocs/doc-overview/Top.html
htdocs/doc-overview/WWW_organization.html
...
htdocs/doc-overview.ps
htdocs/doc-overview.pdf
```

‘htdocs/doc-overview/Top.html’ is this document’s “top” HTML node; ‘htdocs/WWW\_organization.html’ is a node in this document (this document is actually divided into several HTML files). ‘htdocs/doc-overview.ps’ is this document in postscript, and ‘htdocs/doc-overview.pdf’ is this document in PDF.

‘htdocs’ also contains ‘Welcome.html’, which is the documentation table of contents.

The ‘htdocs’ directory is intended to be symbolically linked into the a mission’s (or ITOS documentation) web trees. See [WWW organization], page 2.

## tcvol2

The ITOS distribution also includes the ‘tcvol2’ directory which contains HTML documentation for ITOS global mnemonics.

The ‘tcvol2’ directory contains:

```
Welcome.html
commands/
mnemonics/
packets/
```

‘Welcome.html’ is the table of contents to the database documentation.

‘commands/’ is a directory containing a description of each command. For example, the description of the *swnoop* command is in ‘commands/SWN00P.html’.

‘mnemonics/’ is a directory containing a description of each mnemonic. For example, the description of the *gbl\_procpath* mnemonic is in ‘commands/mnemonics/GBL\_PROCPATH.html’.

‘packets/’ is a directory containing a description of each packet. For example, the description of packet 17 is in ‘packets/app17.html’.

The ‘tcvol2’ directory can be symbolically linked into the ITOS documentation web tree. If the documentation tree is describing an actual mission, however, a ‘tcvol2’ directory that describes the mission database (as well as the ITOS global mnemonics) should be used instead; the mission’s ‘tcvol2’ directory gets created via the *dbxodb* program. See section “*dbxodb*” in *Database Exchange Records*.

## WWW organization

We’ve tried to make it easy to link ITOS documentation into your WWW pages.

```
~mission/public_html/Welcome.html
~mission/public_html/ITOS/
~mission/public_html/tcvol2/
```

‘~mission/public\_html/Welcome.html’ is your mission’s welcome page; you must create this yourself, it is not provided with ITOS. Obviously, this file should contain links like:

```
... <a href="ITOS/">ITOS documentation</a>...
... <a href="tcvol2/">the mission database</a>...
```

‘~mission/public\_html/ITOS/’ is a symbolic link to the ‘htdocs’ directory in the ITOS distribution.

‘~mission/public\_html/tcvol2/’ is either a symbolic link to the ‘tcvol2’ directory in the ITOS distribution or, preferable, the directory or symbolic link to the directory containing the *dbxodb*-generated mission database documentation.

## Appendix A links between documents

### database comments

Imagine you're writing a documentation comment for mnemonic *gbl\_procpath*. You want to make links to mnemonic *gbl\_pagepath* and the STOL START directive:

'GBL\_PROCPATH.html' is where the documentation you're writing will get installed. (You're not actually writing 'GBL\_PROCPATH.html'; instead, you're writing the description field in a TLM record. See section "The TLM Record" in *Database Exchange Records*.) 'GBL\_PAGEPATH.html' describes *gbl\_pagepath*; 'START.html' describes the START directive. If you've created symbolic links as recommended above, the paths to these files are:

```
~mission/public_html/ITOS/directives/START.html
~mission/public_html/tcvol2/mnemonics/GBL_PAGEPATH.html
~mission/public_html/tcvol2/mnemonics/GBL_PROCPATH.html
```

Which means that, relative to 'GBL\_PROCPATH.html', the paths to the other two files are '../..//ITOS/directives/START.html' and 'GBL\_PAGEPATH.html'.

The TLM record's description field should contain HTML relative references like:

```
...
See also <a href="GBL_PAGEPATH.html">GBL_PAGEPATH</A> and
the <A HREF="../..//ITOS/directives/START.html">
<FONT SIZE=-1>STOL</FONT> START directive</A>.
...
```

### for texinfo writers

A texinfo (<http://sunland.gsfc.nasa.gov/info/texinfo>) document can reference other documents, database entities (packets, commands, and mnemonics), and arbitrary URLs. Here are some styles we recommend:

#### To reference another ITOS document:

The following examples reference the STOL START directive:

A trivial example using @xref (<http://sunland.gsfc.nasa.gov/info/texinfo/xref.html>) is:

```
... to start a proc. @xref{START,,,directives}.
produces
```

```
... to start a proc. See <undefined> [START], page <undefined>.
```

Or, better yet, use a few more arguments to get:

```
... to start a proc.
@xref{START, the @sc{stol} START directive, the START directive,
      directives, @sc{stol} directives}.
```

which produces

... to start a proc. See section “the START directive” in *STOL directives*.

Compare the HTML and printed outputs to appreciate all this does!

We also use *texi2www* (<http://sunland.gsfc.nasa.gov/info/texi2www/>)’s `@href` (<http://sunland.gsfc.nasa.gov/info/texi2www/href.html>) extension:

```
... the @href{@scstol START directive,START,directives} ...
```

which produces

```
... the STOL START directive ...
```

## To reference a database entity:

Use `@href` (<http://sunland.gsfc.nasa.gov/info/texi2www/href.html>) with a relative URL to reference database entities, for example:

```
... you can use
@href{@var{gbl_procpath},,../tcvol2/mnemonics/GBL_PROCPATH.html}
to ...
```

which produces

```
... you can use gbl_procpath to ...
```

## To reference an arbitrary URL:

Use `@uref` (<http://sunland.gsfc.nasa.gov/info/texinfo/uref.html>) with an absolute URL to reference an arbitrary URL, for example:

```
... the GNU project’s home page is @uref{http://www.gnu.org/} ...
```

which produces

```
... the GNU project’s home page is http://www.gnu.org/ ...
```

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